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A Quick Look

Mr., Miss ICC election Feb. 9, 10

Staff Reports
Students will select Mr. and Miss Itawamba Community College in online elections, Feb. 9 and 10. If necessary, runoffs will be Feb. 11 and 12.

Candidates for Mr. ICC are Chauncey L. Mullins of Tupelo, Ryan J. Gillentine of Nettleton and Josh Zaragosa of Hatley.

Miss ICC candidates are Stephanie M. Hardy of Baldwyn, Judy E. McMillen of Mantachie and Jordan A. Wade of Caledonia.

To vote, log on to the myTribe portal and click the "voting" tab. Click the box beside the candidate's name, and confirm the vote.



MSU's Wes Johnson headlines the leadoff banquet - See page twelve.

Celebration of Unity set Feb. 16, 17

Staff Reports
ICC has scheduled Black History Month: Celebration of Unity programs at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses next week.

The Fulton Campus program will be at 7 p.m., Feb. 17, at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium, and the Tupelo Campus event, at noon, Feb. 16, in the Student Affairs presentation room of the Student Support Center.

Speakers are Shane Hooper at the Tupelo Campus and Ramon Gary at the Fulton Campus. - See page five for complete story.

ICC among nation's top community colleges

Staff Reports
Highlighting the critical importance of improving student success in America's community colleges, the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program has named ICC as one of the nation's top 150 community colleges eligible to compete for the 2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence and \$1 million in prize funds.

"It is a tremendous honor for Itawamba Community College to be selected as one of the top 150 community colleges in the nation and the opportunity to compete for the significant Aspen Prize," said President Mike Eaton. "It is another indication of the success of the College and its exceptional faculty and staff."

The Aspen Institute also se-

lected ICC as a top community college in 2015 and a contender for the prize, which is awarded every two years. It is the nation's signature commendation of high achievement and performance among America's community colleges. It recognizes institutions for exceptional student outcomes in four areas, including student learning, certificate and degree completion, employment and earnings and access and success for minority and low-income students.

The top 150 community colleges represent the diversity and richness of the community college sector. They re located

in 35 states in urban, rural and suburban areas, serving as few as 300 students and as many as 60,000 students. ICC enrolls approximately 5,500 students each semester collectively at its three locations, Fulton, Tupelo and Belden.

Nearly half of America's college students attend community college, with more than seven million students - youth and adult learners - working toward certificates and degrees in these institutions across the country.

"There are exceptional community colleges across our country providing students



with a high-quality, affordable education that leads to good careers and strong economic opportunity," said Josh Wyner, executive director of the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program. "Through this competition, we're working to inspire community colleges and help them understand how to ensure that more students succeed."

Ten finalists will be announced in the fall. The Aspen Institute will then conduct site visits to each of the finalists and collect additional quantitative data, including employment and earnings data from states and transfer data from the National Student Clearinghouse. A distinguished prize jury will select a grand prize winner and finalists with distinction in early 2017.

ICC Most Beautiful Pageant 2016

Monday, March 7 | 7 p.m.
W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center

Tickets available at www.iccms.edu/tickets or Community Relations

Contact Tyler Camp at twcamp@iccms.edu with questions.

CROWN SPONSOR:

Wednesday is deadline for entry for ICC's Most Beautiful '16 pageant

Staff Reports
There's still time for contestants to reserve a spot to compete for the title of ICC's Most Beautiful 2016.

The pageant, which will be at 7 p.m., Mar. 7, at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium, is open to all full-time female students in good academic and disciplinary standing with the College.

Four beauties and ICC's Most Beautiful will be selected from the top 10 contestants. Additional titles to be awarded include Most Photogenic, Most Social, Crowd Favorite and Miss Congeniality.

The application fee of \$30 and the contestant fact sheet must be submitted by 4 p.m. Wednesday to the Community Relations Department on the Fulton Campus.

The pageant consists of three rounds,

according to Tyler Camp, director of Development at ICC. Contestants will be brought on stage for a "first look" during the opening number, and during the second round, all contestants will model as their biographical information is read.

During the third round, the contestants will be narrowed to the top 10 or 15 according to the number participating in the pageant. They will be selected from the scores on the first look and model. In addition, the round will consist of the on-stage question, which will be determined from 10-15 approved questions submitted on the contestants' applications/fact sheets. A list of the questions will be provided at the rehearsal, which will be Mar. 6 at 4 p.m. at the Fine Arts auditorium.

Most Photogenic will be chosen by the

judges from the program headshots of all contestants. The Most Social award will be given to the contestant who receives the most likes on her headshot posted on the ItawambaCC Instagram account. Voting will be from 9 a.m., Feb. 29, to 7:20 p.m., Mar. 7. The Crowd Favorite award will be given to the contestant who receives the most votes by the pageant audience. Voting will begin prior to the pageant and during intermission in the lobby. Each vote costs \$1. Miss Congeniality will be chosen by the contestants by secret ballot on the evening of the pageant.

The theme of the pageant will be "The Great Gatsby."

For more information, email Camp at twcamp@iccms.edu.



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Mar. 7 deadline

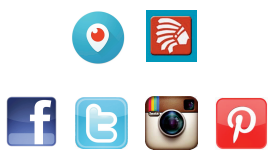


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Kindness starts with us

So since I'm an Indian Delegate, I have the honor of showing off our beautiful campus. I love it. Honestly I do. I'm not just saying that because I receive a scholarship for it.

I'm often asked, though, "Do you not ever get tired of walking around the campus, giving the same spiel each time, showing the same buildings?" and my reply is always "no." I don't. How could I? Each tour is different; they are different people, with different backgrounds, different stories, different personalities. But what makes the tours so great each time are the various people I come into contact with while hosting the tour. Students passing, who wave even if they don't know me. Usually the prospective student will ask if they are my friends, and I love saying "no" because he/she will have the strangest look. "Are people always this nice?" is usually the second question, and with a proud smile, I am able to say "yes," because they truly are.

I just feel that ICC has a different atmosphere than any other community college or institute that I have ever visited. Most of us were raised here in the South, which means our mommas showed and made us commonly practice the definition of hospitality and chivalry. For example, I was walking to the cafeteria the other day, and I had a few things in my hands, but honestly, nothing that would prevent me from being able to open the door. On my way into the Student Services building, a group of guys passed me who had just left. One of them stopped, yelled at me to hold on, and then proceeded to run back to open the door for me even though he was already quite a few steps away. It made my whole day to see someone stop, change his direction and go out of the way for a stranger whom he had never formally met.

To all of you who go out of your way to do something as simple as opening a door, thank you. For most it might be an action that is so second nature it doesn't even require a real thought; it's more of a reflex, just something you are supposed to do. One thing that I have noticed, though, is it's not always second nature to say "thank you." Nothing burns me up more than to see a person go out of his/her way and then the one on the receiving end of the deal doesn't even acknowledge his/her presence after the fact, and amazingly almost no one on the giving end calls them out for what I consider to be "rudeness."

I saw a quote not long ago on social media that said, "My attitude will always be based on how you treat me," and I initially thought "of course." If you are discourteous to me, don't expect to receive any kindness from my side either. But the more I thought about it, the more I realized that's the wrong way of thinking. You shouldn't base your actions on other people's actions toward you. You should be courteous to others, not because they are nice or deserving, but because you are a better person. I know you have all heard the "be the bigger person" spiel, so I'm not going to rant. But seriously, give it some thought.

It's understandable that sometimes we have those days when we are counting down the minutes before we can return to our beds and Netflix. What we have to be mindful of is how that can keep us from extending a hand to someone nearby, because we are ready to be far away...don't ever lose the opportunity to make someone's day.

College CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March

Indian Idol
auditions, 3-4:30
p.m., Fine Arts
LDR (and Mar. 3)

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Progress grades
posted in myTribe
portal

Last day to register
for commencement;
Most Beautiful
Pageant, 7 p.m.,
FAA

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Indian Idol
auditions, 6-8
p.m., FA LDR (and
Mar. 10)

Spring Break begins
(through Mar. 18)

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Advising period
begins

Easter holiday

25

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Last day to drop
eLearning classes
with a 'W'

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER...

Feb. 16

Accelerated term begins

Apr. 7

Coed cheer/mascot tryouts
and...

Students should file FAFSA
for 2016-17 by Apr. 15.

See page eight
for music and concerts

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and page eleven
for sports schedules or
visit LetsGoICC.com.

STAFF REPORTS



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Change Not the same for everyone

There are two types of people: those who are susceptible to change and those who are not.

What greater topic to start this new season at ICC other than change?

Classes and schedules are changing, the seasons are changing...well, supposed to be, and the primary source email at ICC is changing, along with many other things.

With these changes come new opportunities.

For this year's freshmen, we are finally getting into the whole "college" thing. Some of us are being inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, being named on the dean's or even president's list.

But the most exciting of them all is the new chapter that our sophomores are entering. Most of them are likely in their last semester as an ICC Indian and will soon be gearing up for graduation along with transferring to a university to complete their degree. If change is such a good thing as those listed here, then why are people not comfortable with it?

I am one of those who do not do well with change, so I am speaking for all of us on that side of the spectrum.

Sure, PTK and academic honors lists are wonderful and even graduation and transferring. But, that is exactly what can be terrifying. \

For me, fear of the unknown is one of my biggest challenges. When I moved to college, I was a huge mass of stress, confusion, denial and worry. I was stressed because I didn't know what to expect. I was confused because I didn't know who anyone was (coming from a small town where everyone literally knows everyone), teachers, administrators, students, not even my roommates. I was in denial because I honestly didn't want to be at college. It was foreign to me, and I didn't want to accept the fact that it was time to "spread my wings and fly." Lastly, I was worried because I was surrounded by all of these new **CHANGES** and **OPPORTUNITIES**, and I was afraid of how I would respond. I was scared to trust anyone around me because I hadn't known them, their parents and their grandparents for the entirety of life. Now, I am not saying that this is okay because it is totally not. I wish I could be like those who are able to just "go with the flow" without having any kind of second thoughts. With all of this being said, I am thankful for the journey that college has brought me on. I am thankful for the paths that I have crossed and for the people who have shaped me into who I am throughout the past six months. I have met people who have helped me, molded me and have been 'parents' for me since I am away from home, like most everyone else here.

I, too, have met some people who caused me to make big-girl decisions without my family whispering in my ear what to do. Change is a good thing, but it isn't always what we like to do. Most everyone enjoys being content and comfortable, but that is only okay for so long.



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Several join faculty/staff; participate in spring orientation

Staff Reports

Several area residents participated in new faculty and staff orientation at ICC at the beginning of the 2016 spring semester. They include Sanders Bell of Tupelo, WIOA Career Coach; Eric Bozeman of Fulton, assistant men's basketball coach; LaTangela Dunn of Tupelo, payroll clerk; Shannon Fraiser of Booneville, academic fieldwork coordinator for the Occupational Therapy Assistant program; Jeff Franks of Tupelo, Electrical Technology instructor; Josh Gammill of Fulton, S.N.A.P. grant assessment coordinator; Sherry Holmes of Fulton, housekeeping; Rickey Lindley of Fulton, HVAC technician; Dr. Joe Lowder of Golden, Workforce Innovation and Research director; and Rodney Patterson of Guntown, housekeeping.

Bell earned the bachelor's degree in educational psychology and counselor education from Mississippi State University. Previously he served as academic/behavioral interventionist with the Tupelo Public School District.

Bozeman's employment history includes head women's basketball coach at Northwestern Oklahoma State University, head men's basketball coach at Southern Arkansas State University and assistant men's basketball coach at Ole Miss. He earned the bachelor's degree from Arkansas Tech and the master's degree from Henderson State. He and his wife, Felicia, are the parents of two children.

Dunn earned the associate's degree from ICC and the bachelor's degree from Mississippi University for Women. She and her husband, Martin, have one child.

Fraiser previously served as an occupational therapist with the North Mississippi Medical Center. She earned a bachelor's degree in educational psychology from Mississippi State University and a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy from the University of Mississippi Medical Center. She and her husband, Tommy, are the parents of three children.

Franks earned the associate's degree in Electronics Technology from ICC. He and his wife, Tina, have two children.

Gammill earned the bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University. He and his wife, Sara, are the parents of two children.

Holmes has two children.

Lindley and his wife, Holly, have four children.

Lowder previously served as director of Student Activities at Florida State University, and his professional experience includes the College of William and Mary and Mississippi University for Women. He earned the associate's degree from ICC, the bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi State University and the doctorate degree from the College of William and Mary. He has presented numerous presentations and is the author of several publications. Lowder and his wife, Laree, have one child.

Patterson and his wife, Angie, have four children.



New members of ICC's faculty and staff include front, from left, Rodney Patterson, LaTangela Dunn, Sherry Holmes, Shannon Fraiser; middle, Dr. Joe Lowder, Jeff Franks, Sanders Bell; back, Rickey Lindley, Josh Gammill and Coach Eric Bozeman.

New online degree program set for fall

Public Health Technology

Staff Reports

ICC is offering a new online degree program in Public Health Technology, which will begin with the 2016 fall semester.

Graduates of the two-year program, which integrate online lecture courses with real life practical experience in the clinical setting, will earn an Associate of Applied Science degree.

Public health technologists work in collaboration with other health care providers and public health officials to improve the health and wellness of the local, state and national citizenry. Increasing complexities of the health care system, health care reform, an aging population and the region's high morbidity and mortality rates from smoking, obesity, high blood pressure and type II diabetes has created a need for this occupation. Graduates of the program would be qualified to hold positions such as community health worker, insurance navigator, health care advocate and health care educator.

Public health technologists work in hospitals, clinics, schools and government agencies.

Admission requirements for the program include high school graduate or GED equivalent, minimum ACT score of 18, submission of an ICC application and acceptance to the College if not a current ICC student and submission of an online Health Science application by the Apr. 1 deadline.

Complete information about admissions requirements and the program application are available on the ICC website at www.iccms.edu by selecting Programs of Study, Public Health Technology and then the Health Science Program Information link.

For more information, contact Cassie Alexander at (662) 620-5144 or

Mar. 7 is deadline for application for commencement ceremonies at ICC



Itawamba Community College graduates listen attentively to the commencement speaker in this file photo.

IMANI MORRISON-CLARK
Sports Editor

Mar. 7 is the deadline for application for students who plan to participate in the 2016 commencement ceremony.

According to Tammie Dill, records coordinator in the office of the registrar/admissions, students must apply online at www.iccms.edu under quick links.

Height, weight and chest measurement are included on the application, and students who don't know their measurements can visit the Business office for assistance.

"Before applying, check with your adviser to ensure that you have taken all

required courses," Dill said.

A \$30 fee is due in the Business office by Mar. 7. "Once the application process is completed, check your status on myTribe," Dill said.

Brochures with information regarding the commencement schedule and other information will be mailed to the students' home address.

Ceremonies for both Associate of Arts and Associate of Applied Science graduates will be May 14 in the Davis Event Center at the Fulton Campus.

A photographer will be available at both ceremonies, and graduates can purchase pictures of the diploma presentations.

TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Beth Campbell Biology Instructor

Family: Husband, Jason; one son, Hayden, 13

Education: B.S., M.S., Mississippi State University

Teaching Experience: ICC for 16 years

Positives of Teaching: "I greatly enjoy the interaction with students and helping students master new concepts/skills. Every day is a different experience. I never repeat the same day. I am humbled knowing that I have a small part in helping students achieve their goals."

Negatives of Teaching: "It is frustrating when students lose focus with their studies and quit before they have really applied themselves."

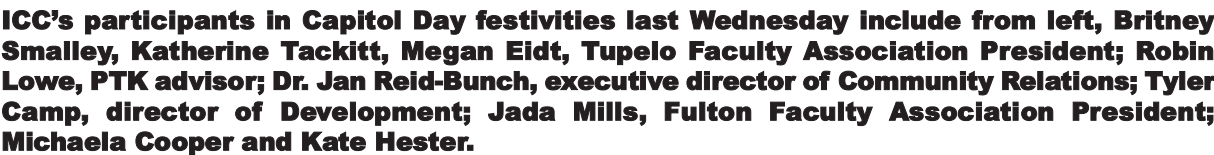
Advice to Students: "The life we have been given can't be bought or bargained for. It is a gift. If our day is indeed a gift from God, something of the Giver should be evident within the gift." - Ken Gire

KATIE BANES
Staff



Officials at ICC have released the honors lists for the 2015 fall semester.

Name Named to the presen's list, which includes those students with a 3-4-4 grade point average.
Aberdeen - William D. Beasley, Austin Cioy Bishop, Daniel W. Downd, Silas A. Gill, Alexis
 Deanna Abernethy, Paige Nicole Imel, Victoria A. Moffett, Lesley Elizabeth Parker, Chastity C. Quinn, Kori
 M. Riley, cheryenne Kelly Schrock, Collin McCarver Stephens, Brandi Lynn Walls; **Amory** - Caitlin D.
 Aldridge, Dennis Roy Benson, Abby Catherine Cantrell, Bethany C. Carter, Joseph Andrew Carter, Jacob
 Alexander C. Cappington, Jacob E. Wood; **Belmont** - Amber B. Johnson, Elizabeth Welch Wadsworth,
 Tene N. Johnson, Casey R. Lochridge, Sarah Elizabeth Massey, Mallory L. McCarley, Adrian Moffett,
 Brooke Elizabeth Morris, John Richard Nash, Savannah Brooke Nelson, Yen Ngoc Nguyen, Mary Catherine
 Reeves, Hannah E. Schmook, Taylor Joseph Sienkowski, Jeremy A. Sims, Morgan Elizabeth Spotts, Whitney
 D. Taylor, Lauren Nicole Washington, Benjamin C. Watson, Ashley Hope Williams, Joshua Zaragosa;
Baldwyn - Jessica L. Bishop, Hayden Chase Cooley, Jake Brannon Dees, Tiffany N. Goldman, Stephanie
 M. Hardy, Teach Alexis Parker, Samantha G. Phillips, Autumn Elizabeth Sample, Athena Swindale,
 Austin Blake Todd, Shenieria Shantell Tynes; **Becker** - Jarral Heath Shields; **Belden** - Katherine A. Allred,
 Gabrielle S. Bartlett, Stuart N. Bennett, Kexya Romnae Bradley, Shanticia D. Brown, Jade Alllyn Bue,
 Larry Steven Cusack, Christopher Alexander Farnas, Lauren N. Foster, Madison Gray Haley, Harley
 Alexander C. Sappington, Jacob E. Wood; **Benton** - Amber B. Johnson, Elizabeth Welch Wadsworth,
 Adam T. Stanfield; **Blue Springs** - Jamie G. Bridges, Alana C. Quillian, Michael Andrew Sanders,
 Katherine L. Tackitt; **Booneville** - Anna G. Elliott, Taylor Milton Foley, Brookelyn N. Walden, Moesha
 S. Wright; **Buck** - Millie E. Hellums, Cara L. May; **Caledonia** - Jason T. Bryant, Peyton Hope Burton,
 Gabrielle Maria Cannon, Amber N. Coleman, William K. Flynn, Darian Alexis Johnson, Royce Nelson
 Nettles, Jordan A. Wade; **Calhoun City** - MaKayla L. McCormick; **Carrollton** - Taylor Freya Thornton;
 Clinton - Claire M. McIlwain; **Columbus** - Destinee Marie Bigham, Alex Bailey Burns, Crystal Elizabeth
 Pierson; **Corinth** - Madison Nicole Colley, Devin Matthew Hicks, Monica A. Hutchens, Kathryn
 Monique Knippers, Graves B. Marshall, Alyssa G. Park; **Dennis** - Zachary K. Wooten; **Detroit, Ala.** -
 Nicholas Coy Ballard; **Dumas** - Alexis Laine Windham; **Ercu** - Cory Gene Balke, Felicia Elizabeth
 Alexander C. Sappington, Jacob E. Wood; **Greenwood** - Amber B. Johnson, Elizabeth Welch Wadsworth,
 D. Johnson, Taylor E. McKnight, Matthew H. Moody, Lakin Danielle Morris, Ronald K. Robbins, William
 A. Wilder; **Edwards** - Ron Douglas Davis; **French Camp** - Nathan Thomas May; **Fulton** - Lindsey
 M. Abels, Allie M. Bennett, Ashley Nicole Bral, Allison Marie Cooley, Angenett Curry, Johnny T. Davis,
 Bradley James Frederick, Cynlie R. Freeman, Joseph Hunter Holland, Samantha Dawn Hughes, Shelby
 Nicole Knight, Megan N. Laney, Cody B. Lauderdale, Kari Lea Lense, Kaley Beth League, William Henry
 Marlin, Andrew Harrell McDonald, Kelsy L. McKnatt, David Glen Mills, Anthony Scott Mitchell, Kelsie
 D. Plunkett, Mary C. Plunkett, Kasey Alexandra Powers, Devon Kyle Ramey, Andrea Nicole Rayburn,
 Rebecca Isabella Sharpe, Bayleigh Elizabeth Sheffield, Shannon Elizabeth Sullivan, Jansen B. Thomas,
 Laura Catherine Todd, Tylon Nicole Ward, Hayden Elizabeth Wilkerson, Taylor W. Wilkins, Eric Jacob
 Wadsworth; **Golden** - Mattie M. Graham, Marissa Brock Arnold Hammock, Houston L. Orr, Erin A. Pounds,
 Sarah Catherine Garvin, Kaitlyn Marie Gilreath, Alex MacKenzie Goodwin, Hallie Morgan Hylant,
 Chelsea Elizabeth Johnson, Jeremy Earl Jones-Lindsey, Robert William Lampkin, Chelsea N. Pichler,
 Taylor Macenzie Stevens, Adriana Ray Thompson, Abigail Hope West; **Hamilton, Ala.** - Emily K. Taylor;
Holly Springs - Sarah Elise Saunders; **Houlka** - Conner P. Davidson, Jesse H. Kelly, Robert C.
 Peden, Katlyn Rose Thomas, George Wesley Washington; **Houston** - Charli Carl Allen, Kimberly
 Renee Deland, Anna E. Edwards, Hannah L. Grimes, Katelyn A. Hardin, Stephanie Hernandez, Cory L.
 Deland, Josephine Gordon, Alex C. Cassidy, Lauren Hargis; **Lawrenceville** - Wendy V. Venable; **Leeds** -
 Alex C. Holder; **Leola** - Marli Michele Moore; **Little Brook** - Kristina Brock, Wendy V. Venable;
Beach - Rachel Ashlynn Stukenborg; **Louisville** - Henry D. Hudspeth; **Lynchburg, Va.** - Lillie Grace
 Christiano; **Mantachieve** - Amber Faith Carter, Kaylan Ann Carter, Aiden Seth Dickinson, Benjamin A.
 Garrett, Jesse M. Guin, Guinath A. Guin, Victoria Faith Hendrick, Kayla Marie Mattox, Judi Elizabeth
 McKillen, Courtney Adriana Smith, Hannah M. Stegall, Samantha Susan Strickland, Donald Mason
 Turner; **Marietta** - Madison Elizabeth Dickinson, Mallory S. Joy; **Mathiston** - Mamie E. Hollenhead;
Moreenville - Jennifer Lynn Aven, Kacey Makel Byrd, David Matthew Dickerson, Kristin E. Donovan,
 James Caleb Fancher, Cheryl Lynn Hallmark, Bethany A. Jernigan, Amy D. McCulley, Melanie Mc-
 Gregor, Shauna M. Medlin, Shelby Diane Miller, Thomas Bradley Reeves, Zachary Austin Riches, Madison
 Danielle Scott, Jacob Morgan Taylor, Dianna Lynn Woodley, Alexis Paige Young; **Myrtle** - Kayla
 L. Deland, Josephine Gordon, Alex C. Cassidy, Lauren Hargis; **Nashville** - Wendy V. Venable;
 tani Nicole Berry, Mason Brent Caldwell, Hannah Marie Carr, Arianna G. Collier, Brianna C. Corbin,
 William B. Cooper, Emma K. Dabbs, Ryan J. Gillentine, Timothy Wayne Goolsby, Kendall M. King,
 Cameron Danielle Lowe, Dorinda M. Mayo, Kimberly Dale Monteith, Brenda Kay Raper, Benjamin Lee
 Rogers, Kirkland H. Schlitt, Alexis Jaye Weaver; **New Albany** - Austin Blake Armstrong, Sydney C.
 Bailey, Julianna M. Garner, Matthew E. Hale, Anna M. Millender, Caroline W. Mueller, Azrie C. Ortiz,
 Deborah Byrd Rowan, Rebecca Lynn Verrelli; **Noxapater** - Erin E. Clark; **Okolona** - Theodore D. Boyd,
 Joshua David Gaskin, Amanda Leigh Gupton, Katlyn Donn Hughes, Jessica E. Moore, Carl Wallace,
 Mariah Jade Whitlock; **Olive Branch** - Jessica L. Garalson, Blake A. Lashlee, Tucker Reid Wamack;
Oxford - Hannah M. East, Matthew William James, Tracy Young; **Petal** - Blake Thomas Appel;
Pattersonville - Brianna L. Barrett, Kenneth M. D. Monroe, Zayyah S. McMorris, Elizabeth Kendrick
 M. Brown, Mallory S. Joy; **Pattersonville** - Brianna L. Barrett, Kenneth M. D. Monroe, Zayyah S. McMorris,
 Alexandria Jade Brown, Ariel A. Burger, Preston Dakota Byars, James Forest Call, Benjamin David
 Kendrick, Jessica Renee Chapman, Morgan Elizabeth Chism, Mikaila D. Cooper, Lori Teneal Crump, Naima
 K. Cruz, Ashley Brooke Dunlap-Peele, Karlee Morgan Grisham, Blake Jordan Guthrie, Margaret Elise
 Hatcher, Leah M. Herren, Eleanor Kate Hester, Sarah Faith Hill, Claudia Michalea Hoing, Allyson
 M. Holloway, Penny D. Houser, Barron Lee Immon, Patricia Jones, Alyssa Nicole Lipsey, William Blake
 Luvell, McKensie Lane Mask, Elizabeth Hunter McCullar, Shannon Claire Montgomery, Andrea Nicole
 Munn, Kendra Nicole Nash, Shelby L. Payne, James Jared Pennington, Alliston Temple Pinkston, Dixie
 Star Priest, Kristen Putt, Zachary Lydell Robbins, Wesley G. Russell, Katelyn Nicole Sanders, Aimee Kier-
 Star Scott, Lakin D. Seale, Linda Sue Spencer, Nolan Howard Stafford, Breanna Elizabeth Stone, Brady
 R. Sullivan, Kaitlyn Catherine Taylor, Kaitlyn Marie Gilreath, Alex MacKenzie Goodwin, Hallie Morgan
 Hylant, Chelsea Elizabeth Johnson, Jeremy Earl Jones-Lindsey, Robert William Lampkin, Chelsea N.
 Pichler, Taylor Macenzie Stevens, Adriana Ray Thompson, Abigail Hope West; **Prattville, Ala.** - Emily R.
 Buster; **Randolph** - Kellen B. Ferguson, Mackenzie L. Fletcher, Katelyn Victoria Foosee, Anna A. Gar-
 son, Rachel McKenzie Garrison, Kristan Gayle Long, Charlee Breanne Stanton, McKenzie P. Tutor, Justus
 Paul Wright, Andrea Marie Yarbrough; **Red Bay, Ala.** - Spencer C. Keeton; **Rienzi** - Katelyn Gail Wil-
 ford; **Ripley** - Cody Lane James; **Rolling Fork** - Kathryn A. Sappington; **Saltito** - Mary Elizabeth
 Adams, Benjamin William Calvery, Chandler Blake Dabbs, Mollie K. Davidson, Dallas R. Ederer, Brandi
 Smith Ferrell, Alexis LaJuan Flowers, William Aubrey Ford, Jeffrey Nathan Fox, Hannah Paige Graham,
 Kaitlyn Elizabeth Hankins, Sherry L. Hardin, Summer Lynn Harris, Steven M. Hatfield, Serenity Leigh
 Hawkins, David M. Hallette, MacArthur Hilbert, Jacob E. Houston, Britany Lynn Irbay, Mason Lewis
 Lambert, Janna A. Mallette, Abigail Michelle McCain, Taylor E. McInch, John Walter Neane, Sarah
 Elizabeth Neane, Kaitlyn Catherine Taylor, Kaitlyn Marie Gilreath, Alex MacKenzie Goodwin, Hallie
 Morgan Hylant, Chelsea Elizabeth Johnson, Jeremy Earl Jones-Lindsey, Robert William Lampkin,
 Chelsea N. Pichler, Taylor Macenzie Stevens, Adriana Ray Thompson, Abigail Hope West; **Shannon** -
 Christian Bryant, Rebecca Janeal Robbins, Sam William Shows, Olen M. Snider, Brandon P. Thomas,
 Christian Bryant Thomas, Aryn H. Till, Larrah R. Wilbanks, Emily G. Wood; **Senatobia** - Hannah
 Gabrielle Burton, Marissa Jade Capriotti; **Shannon** - Shon Robert Grant, Karen Renee Pace, Brigitte
 Danielle Ragland, Jason H. Robbins, Anna K. Stiles, Jennifer Vasquez, Steven Blair Ward, Katie Nicole
 Watson, Abigail Brooke Wilcox; **Smithville** - Thomas W. Bowen, Tyler N. Hood, Kortney Lane
 Kennedy, William Tanner Palmer, Lacie D. Preston, Tammy E. Schrock, Brody R. Skinner, Courtney
 Danielle Stafford, Allie Steadman, Brady C. Thompson; **Southeast** - Breanna L. Harford, Kaitlyn R.
 Yates; **Starckville** - Noah Katherine Hardin, Megan M. Moorhead; **Stringer** - Trenton Neil Stringer;
Tiptonville - Georgia Kate Conner; **Tishomingo** - Shelby Hannah Bob, Alicia M. Lovelady; **Tremont** -
 Holly Michelle Jones, Lakin Mackenzie Todd; **Tupelo** - Shelley Logan Abel, Fatima Atkinson, Tiana
 Renee B. Bowers, Kaitlyn Catherine Taylor, Kaitlyn Marie Gilreath, Alex MacKenzie Goodwin, Hallie
 Morgan Hylant, Chelsea Elizabeth Johnson, Jeremy Earl Jones-Lindsey, Robert William Lampkin,
 Chelsea N. Pichler, Taylor Macenzie Stevens, Adriana Ray Thompson, Abigail Hope West; **Union** -
 Jonathan Mark Burt, Matthew C. Carr, Jennifer Michelle Cereces, Shashana LaShae Chandler, Kara E.
 Coward, Derwin B. Cump, Sabrina J. Crumpton, Sandra Marie Currier, Benjamin S. Davis, Jerry Davis,
 Rebecca Ann Derner, Samuel Alan Dexter, Kenneth Earl Dunnam, Michael Wane Fowler, Brooke Ash-
 lyn Frederick, Patrick O. Henry, Andrew D. Hill, Raven J. Hodges, Rachel Elizabeth Hodnett, Jacob C.
 Holt, Terry Horton, Bryce Addison Hunt, Joshua Haze Hutcheson, Ashlee L. Keith, Laraine Alexander
 Kiser, Claire B. Krumke, Jacqueline Suzanne Langford, Ariel Brianna Lawrence, Jennifer G. Lockridge,
 Erica Claire Loden, Shanda Elaine Martin, Courtney Dawn McCall, Cynthia R. McDaniel, Preston Taylor
 Moffett, Delisha S. Mooney, Randi Jewel Morgan, Cameron Reid O'Daniel, Isaac J. Palmer, Madison
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 Jaxton Jade Wedel, Taylor David Wheeler, John Thomas White, Katherine E. Kait White, Stephanie Will-
 son, Christian D. Witherspoon; **Vara** - Laci Joanna Fugett, John Wesley Moore, Daniqua S.
 Stephens; **Verona** - Gloria Ann Pounds, Jose A. Vazquez; **Vicksburg** - Theresa Marie Frost, Tyler L. Tun-
 nell; **Walls** - Martaveous D. McKnight; **Walnut** - Kayla Brianna Prather, Haley Brooke



Staff Reports

Gov. Phil Bryant and Lt. Gov.

Tate Reeves lent their voices in support of Mississippi's 15 community colleges and their role in providing workforce training throughout the state.

Both Bryant and Reeves spoke at the annual Capitol Day event hosted by the Mississippi Faculty Association for Community and Junior Colleges (MFACJC) and attended by a number of community college students, faculty and presidents.



Bryant repeated his desire to use \$50 million in funds from the Mississippi Department of Employment Security to help fund workforce training. He noted that the state has “great opportunities...to train the workforce of the future in the community colleges across this great state. I’ve asked the Legislature to help us,” he said. “Those funds can go to the community colleges directly to help train the workforce of the future. We understand there is no better place to invest that \$50 million than the community college workforce program.”

nity College, Bryant was working changing tires when he received a postcard inviting him to come to Hinds. "I got in my 1955 Chevy and drove to Raymond. The next day I was a college student," he said. "Hinds Community College and colleges all over the state in the 1970s and today open the door for higher education to a blue-collar generation that would have never been able to achieve success without a community or junior college. And it goes on today."

Like Bryant, Reeves touted the

room experience and education/career outcomes. And out of the 150 colleges nationally eligible to compete for the prestigious 2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, which highlights the critical importance of improving student success in America's community colleges, seven of them are in Mississippi. Last month, a report on the success of community college transfer students earned Mississippi a sixth in the nation ranking for the number of community college students who transfer to a university and fourth in the nation for the percentage of low income community college students who transfer and earn a bachelor's degree.

“Once again Mississippi’s community and junior colleges rank high in the nation. For more than a century our two-year schools have provided a trained workforce for Mississippi’s expanding economy, as well as a great place for students of all ages and backgrounds to begin their pursuit of a baccalaureate degree,” said Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College instructor Brian Carriere, president of the 1,000-plus member MFACJC. “With continued support from our Legislature, Mississippi’s community and junior colleges will continue to provide a great return on investment for our students, citizens and state.”

Dr. Andrea Mayfield, executive director of the Mississippi Community College Board, said the students' inspiring stories (that were shared) wouldn't be possible without funding from the state Legislature.

“With appropriate legislative support our community colleges will continue to create the very best workforce training and education programs in the country,” she said. “Our system is the best. It is the best at providing career and working opportunities for the people of our great state. It is essential that we do everything that we can, everything in terms of legislative power to keep Mississippi first in education. Our system needs the money to develop our workforce and career-technical opportunities, and we need your support.”

The three priorities of the legislative budget request are fair and equitable funding, workforce and economic development and capital improvements.

Meeting Room
CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR

FULTON CAMPUS

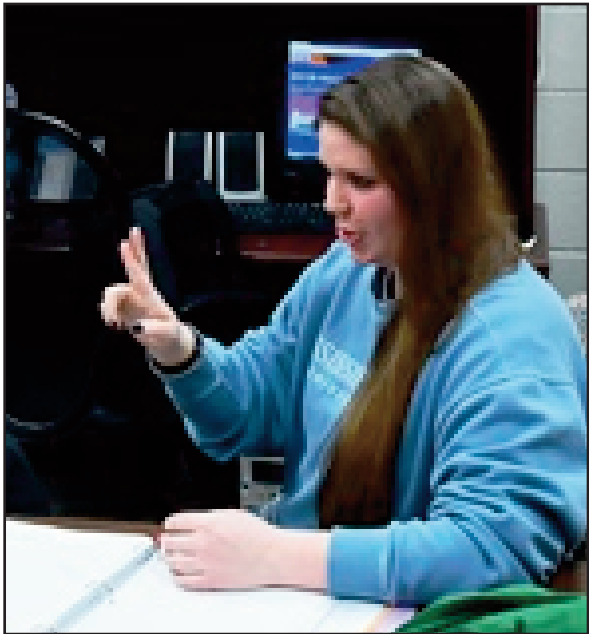
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	Heather McCormick	862.8191
	Dr. Ashley Lancaster	862.8236
Photography Club	Kim Williams	862.8242
Political Science	Chris Stevenson	862.8169
Science Club	Pam Clevenger	862.8368
	Dr. Betsy Chesnutt	862.8365
SGA	Dr. Buddy Collins	862.8271

TUPELO CAMPUS

Amer. Sign Lang.	Nikki Martin	620.5038
Bass Club	Jason Gholston	620.5159
	Dylan Baldwin	620.5156
Comp. Prog./Net.	Tanya Cox	620.5114
Diversity Club	Sheree Lence	620.5036
Future Rad. Tech.	Paul Crum	620.5233
HOSA	Lori Little	620.5122
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	Jamie Hall	620.5342
	Bo Rowland	620.5340
Phi Beta Lambda	Tammy Lauderdale	620.5128
Phi Theta Kappa	Jenny Bowers	620.5045
	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Ira Lindsay Kinard	620.5043
	Betsy White	620.5033
NCF	Dr. Earnest Agnew	620.5208
OTA	Dee Dee Lomenick	620.5026
Resp. Therapy	James Newell	620.5237
Student PTA Club	Dr. Cheryl Ware	620.5025
Student Gov. Assn.	Cynthia Adams	620.5305
SHIMA	Donna Vaughn	620.5123
SkillsUSA	Brad Crowder	620.5155
SNA	Robin Phillips	620.5222

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

BSU	Chris Burrows	862.3278
Campus Minis. Int.	Tony Lee	862.8224
FCA	Nanci Gray	862.8420
Wesley Foundation	John Foster	401.3863



Above, Hannah East, a member of the Sign Language Club at the Tupelo Campus, talks with other members recently. Below, Emily Tucker, recruiter/adviser, gives blood during a Fulton Campus drive sponsored by Housing and the Science Club.



SGAs to sponsor
Celebration of Unity programs

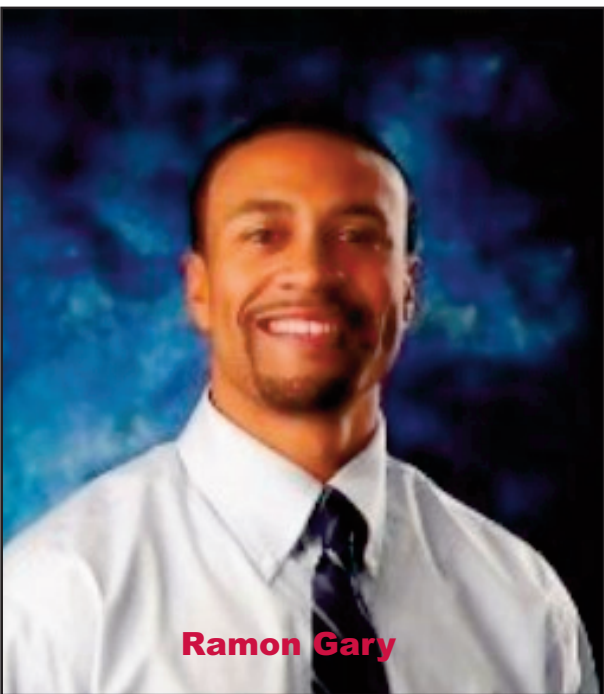
Staff Reports

ICC has scheduled Black History Month: Celebration of Unity programs at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses next week. Both are free and open to the public.

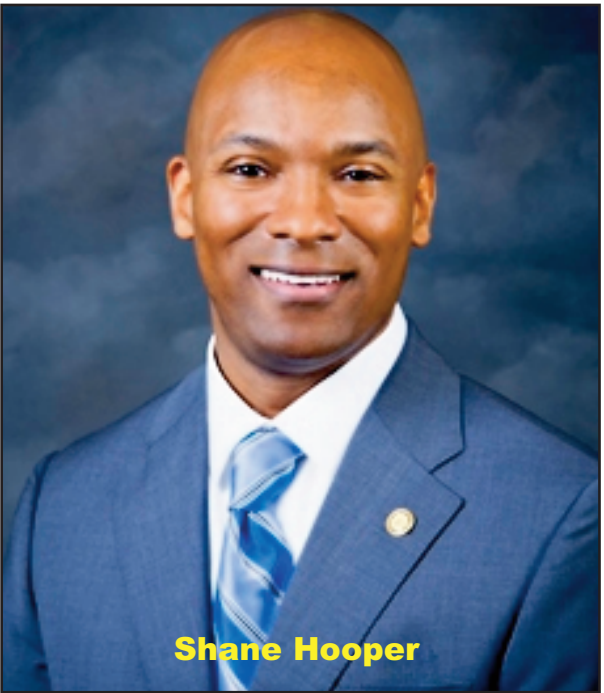
The Fulton Campus program will be at 7 p.m., Feb. 17, at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium, and the Tupelo Campus event, at noon, Feb. 16 in the Student Affairs presentation room of the Student Support Center.

Ramon Gary of Tupelo will be the speaker for the Fulton Campus program. In 2001, he earned the A.A. degree from ICC, where he was elected Mr. ICC and was an all-state basketball player. Gary earned the bachelor's degree from Delta State University in 2004, and in 2007, the associate's degree in physical therapist assistant technology at ICC. He is employed by the North Mississippi Medical Center, where he is a PTA. Gary and his wife, Carmen, have two sons, Carson and Reid.

The Tupelo Campus speaker is **Shane Hooper** of Tupelo, president of Success Learning Corporation, Inc., and also the current director of Development Services for the City of Tupelo. He is a graduate of Itawamba Agricultural High School and David Lipscomb University, and after graduation, he served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps. His background includes a career in the insurance and financial services industry for 17 years. He has served as past president of the Tupelo Rotary Club, Gardner-Simmons Home for Girls, and the United Way of Northeast Mississippi; past chairman of the Community Development Foundation as well as planning and property division chair and economic development chair; Good Samaritan Free Clinic and Sanctuary Hospice House. Hooper has received the Rotarian of the Year award and the Tupelo's Top Twenty Young Professionals award. He is currently a board member of The Health Care Foundation of North Mississippi, North Mississippi Health Services, Health Link/Acclaim, North Mississippi Medical Center and first vice chairman of CDF. He is serving a nine-year appointment by Gov. Phil Bryant to the Board of Trustees of the state's Institutions of Higher Learning. He has two sons, Christopher and Channing.



Ramon Gary



Shane Hooper

Thank
you!

Several members and advisors of the Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa pose with ICC President Mike Eaton following the presentation of a \$500 check from the Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency in appreciation and recognition for PTK's work to raise awareness for the need for organ, eye and tissue donation.



Phi Theta Kappa
inducts fall members
into both chapters

Staff Reports

Several students joined Phi Theta Kappa chapters during the 2015 fall semester.

Members of the Beta Tau Sigma Chapter at the Tupelo Campus include Alexis Herring of **Aberdeen**; Taylor Harmon of **Amory**; Nicholas Ballard of **Detroit, Ala.**; Rebecca Sharpe of **Fulton**; Jennifer Aven of **Mooreville**; Atziri Ortiz, Matthew Carwile, both of **New Albany**; Hannah Foster of **Pontotoc**; William Turner, Joan Peart-Kelsie, both of **Saltillo**; Benjamin Davis, Mackenzi Eubank, Andrew Hill, Michael Johnson, Jennifer Lockridge, Wesley Tillotson, John White, Ariel Lawrence, Courtney Patton, Gabrielle Slagle, all of **Tupelo**; Neshelle Gilbert of **Verona**; and Anna Lummus of **West Point**.

Those who joined the Upsilon

Sigma Chapter at the Fulton Campus are Brittany Schrock of **Aberdeen**; Abby Cantrell, Omega Mitchell, Lauren Washington, Hope Woods, all of **Amory**; Tatyana Pannell of **Blue Springs**; Jason Bryant of **Caledonia**; Andrea Bean, Haley Floyd, Brandi Kelley, Kari Lease, Cynthia Lentz, Lauren Meador, Anthony Mitchell, Samuel Murphree, Haley Peoples, Kelsie Plunkett, Bayleigh Sheffield, McKenzie Smith, Laura Todd, all of **Fulton**; Houston Orr of **Golden**; Elizabeth Ellis, Richard Stephenson, William Swann, all of **Guntown**; Sarah Garvin, Chelsey Johnson, both of **Hamilton**; Cristin Cook, Jerry Gravat, both of **Houston**; Mikayla Clouse, Clint Kelly, Chandler South, all of **Mantachie**; Mallory Guin, Mallory Pannell, both of **Marietta**; Nicholas Brown, Jedediah Joslin, both of **Mooreville**; Hannah Gra-

ham of **New Albany**; James Ballard of **Okolona**; Cody Buchanan of **Olive Branch**; Courtney Wells of **Philadelphia**; Amanda Bannon, Keysha Bradley, Barron Inmon, Taylor Johnson, Andrea Munn, Wesley Russell, Aimee Scott, John Williams, all of **Pontotoc**; Holly Hicks of **Red Bay, Ala.**; Kristin Clark, Sarbjot Malli, both of **Saltillo**; Sarah Radcliff of **Shannon**; Andra Nelson of **Thaxton**; Sherri Gunter, Benjamin Warnick, both of **Tupelo**; and Napoleon Boyd of **West Point**.

PTK is the international honor society for the two-year college. Its hallmarks are leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service. Members are afforded opportunities for personal and professional growth and to provide service to the community and society at large.

Briefly SPEAKING

HOVERBOARDS BANNED

Hoverboards or related devices are not allowed on any ICC premises.

HELP KEEP ICC LITTER-FREE

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. ICC has a reputation as a premier community college, and it's up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

NO WEAPONS

Weapons are not allowed at any of ICC's three locations. Possession of any weapon on college property is a serious violation. The ban includes firearms, fireworks, knives, air guns, water guns or objects that can be considered weapons, whether they are functional or not. Imitations of weapons such as toy guns are prohibited as well.

NOISE BANNED

Unnecessary noise is banned at Itawamba Community College, including loud music, yelling and screaming. Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

FREE SHUTTLE

Students commuting between the Fulton and Tupelo campuses continue to have an opportunity to take advantage of a free shuttle service. The service begins and ends in Fulton with stops in front of the Student Services buildings on both campuses as well as the Health Science Education Center on the Tupelo Campus. Those who ride the shuttle must have a valid ICC ID card. The shuttle departs from Fulton at 7:45 a.m. and from Tupelo at 8 a.m. In the afternoon, it departs from Fulton at 3p.m. and Tupelo at 3:35 p.m.

Review

lockdown procedures

With the random acts of violence occurring recently, students, faculty and staff are urged to review ICC's lockdown procedures.

ICC's major concern in the event of a lockdown is the safety of everyone at all three locations, according to Dr. Buddy Collins, vice president of Student Services.

"The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community," Collins said.

Notification will be communicated via ICC ALERT (text messages, phone and email), the Emergency Information Web page and college email.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include

- 1) Lock all doors and windows;
- 2) Close all blinds;
- 3) Turn off lights;
- 4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection;
- 5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows;
- 6) Make no noises; and
- 7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives the ALL CLEAR code. - Staff Reports

Social worker available at ICC

A social worker with the Mississippi Department of Health is on both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses one day a week to help with family planning, Medicaid, unplanned pregnancy, birth control options, check-ups and HPV vaccine.

Times and locations are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Mondays, in the Housing office on the Fulton Campus; and 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesdays, in the Student Success Center on the Tupelo Campus.

"Some of the services I have provided for students include education about unplanned pregnancy, birth control options and sexually transmitted diseases,"

said Carole Ann Sewell, LSW, of the Mississippi Department of Health. "We also help the students obtain Family Planning Medicaid, which will pay for check-ups, lab work, pregnancy tests, STD treatment, HPV vaccine and birth control methods."

Her phone numbers are (662) 862-8340, Fulton; (662) 620-5279, Tupelo; and (662-728-3518, Wednesday-Friday. Her email address is Caroleann.Sewell@msdh.ms.gov.

Belden Center students can visit either office.

The services are confidential.



Amelia Parkes, community educator with S.A.F.E., Inc., shares strategies for bystander intervention during three presentations at all ICC locations last week.

Bystander intervention could save a life

Staff Reports

Dating violence is a pattern of abuse behaviors used to exert power and control over a dating partner.

That topic was one covered in three bystander intervention sessions last week at all three ICC locations.

"February is National Dating Violence Month," said Amelia Parkes of S.A.F.E., Inc., who led the sessions.

"Dating violence doesn't discriminate, and it can happen to anyone in any relationship," Parkes said.

Parkes also covered the warning signs of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking and child abuse.

The name of the initiative is the Green Dot program, and it is designed to bring awareness to bystander intervention/violence prevention in the community.

"Imagine a map of your community

covered with red dots," Parkes said. "Each red dot represents one act of violence or harm."

Parkes urged all participants at ICC's sessions to do their part to use their words or actions to turn the red dots into green. They could be for such behavior as pulling a friend out of a high risk situation, checking in on someone or posting a Facebook status.

She suggested that bystanders do whatever they feel comfortable with in handling high risk situations which could include getting someone else to step in or creating a diversion to diffuse the situation.

"If we each do a few green dots, we can begin to outnumber the red dots, and our community is safer for everyone."

The 24-hour crisis line is 841-CARE or 1-800-527-7233.

Sign up today for ICC ALERT

Staff Reports

ICC ALERT is a mass notification system that enables the College to inform students, faculty and staff of any emergencies or imminent weather or other danger situations.

The system was used for notification during ICC's closure on Jan. 22, when snow accumulation was predicted for the area and classes were cancelled and the offices closed.

"All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to sign up for the services," according to Dr. Buddy Collins, vice president of Student Services.

The notifications also include class closure because of inclement weather. Messages are sent via text, voice and email.

SIGNING UP

To sign up:

1. Click on myTribe at the top of ICC's website, www.iccms.edu.
2. Log in using your name and password.
3. Click on the ICC ALERT System under links in the bottom right corner. Enter the same user name and password.
4. Provide the contact information on the dashboard to receive messages.

For more information, call (662) 862-8295.



Clockwise, Jim Ingram talks with Billy Todd and the Rev. Glyn Wiygul, Amy Brown visits with Sally Monroe and Billy and Betty Coleman take advantage of the buffet during Pack the House, Jan. 14.

FYI
MAKE A NOTE OF IT

CAREER GAME - FEB. 23

Both males and females are invited to participate in the **Career Game at 5 p.m., Feb. 23, at Itawamba Hall.** The event is presented by ICC's Advising Center.

EARN FREE PRIZES

ICC students, faculty and staff have an opportunity to earn free prizes during the **Spring FitClub Fitness Challenge**, which will continue through April.

In order to participate, individuals must check in at the Fulton Fitness Center each time they work out. Prize levels are based on the total number of workouts during the challenge period, but only one workout per day will be counted.

The next WellFit 365 nutrition seminar will be at 12:15 p.m., Feb. 16.

In addition, free fitness assessments are being offered at the Fulton Campus. To register for an appointment, access <http://doodle.com/poll/459pz8grs4bghgqs>.

For additional information, contact Dr. Krista Woods, Health and Wellness Grant director, at akwoods@iccms.edu.

TUTORING, WRITING HELP

The Writing Center and Student Success Center are offering **assistance with writing assignments and math/science tutoring.** Both are located in the Technical Education Building on the Fulton Campus and in the Student Support Center at the Tupelo Campus. Students are encouraged to stop by to schedule to an appointment to take advantage of these free services.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT, LIFE

Visit the Learning Resource Center on the Fulton Campus for more information and resources on **February's topic, Farmer's Market**, the second in a series sponsored by the University of Mississippi Medical Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities and the Mississippi Humanities Council.

FULTON LRC WORKSHOPS

ICC's Learning Resource Center on the Fulton Campus has scheduled a series of workshops during **February and March.**

They include

Feb. 9, 2 p.m. and Feb. 11, 5 p.m. - Navigating the LRC Resources Page

Feb. 16, 1:30 p.m. and Feb. 18, 5 p.m. - Mississippi Electronic Libraries Online

Feb. 22, 2 p.m. and Feb. 25, 5 p.m. - Ebsco Databases

Mar. 1, 2 p.m. and Mar. 10, 5 p.m. - E-books and e-Audio Books

Mar. 8, 1:30 p.m. and Mar. 24, 5 p.m. - Websites and Apps for Fun and Education and

Mar. 28, 2 p.m. and Mar. 31, 5 p.m. - LRC Video Resources.

For more information, contact Jay Humphries at (662) 862-8207 or email jjhumphries@iccms.edu.

Twelve sophomores
named to Hall of Fame

Faculty and staff nominate students in academic, career and technical and health areas.



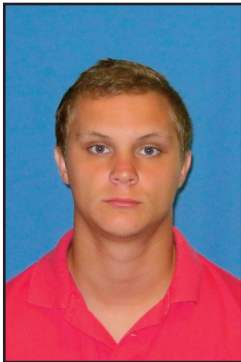
Michaela Cooper
Mantachie



Benjamin Davis
Tupelo



Stephanie Hardy
Baldwyn



Andrew Hill
Tupelo



Rachel Hodnett
Tupelo



Margaret Hudson
Blue Springs



Chelsea Lyle
Saltillo



Chauncey Mullins
Tupelo



Tanner Palmer
Smithville



Rebecca Sharpe
Fulton



Caleb Smart
Nettleton



Steven Ward
Shannon

Assistance, please!
Survey responses needed soon

Staff Reports

ICC's administration needs the assistance of all students in reviewing instruction and supportive services.

Students may provide their opinions through the spring semester's Student Evaluation of Instruction, according to Amy Cappleman, director of Strategic Planning and Assessment. Each student will receive these surveys throughout the semester based on term dates. Stu-

dents will receive an email survey for each class (traditional and online) in which they are enrolled.

All student survey responses remain anonymous, and instructors do not receive the SEI results until after submitting final grades at the end of each semester. ICC's administration may review all comments made in the SEIs.

Student services surveys for campus police, student affairs and student activities will be sent with a

separate link for each survey to student email addresses and will remain available from Mar. 21-Apr. 1.

Because student opinions are very important to improving the services and instruction that ICC provides, the administration encourages each student to complete all surveys, Cappleman said.

Students will receive the surveys through their ICC email address.

Denton, Spencer to receive
NISOD awards of excellence

Staff Reports

Adam Denton of Tupelo, director of clinical education for the Respiratory Therapy program, and Chuck Spencer of Woodland, Heating and Air Conditioning Technology instructor, will represent ICC at the NISOD International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence in May.

Denton earned the associate's degree from ICC and the bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Previously he served as staff respiratory therapist with the North Mississippi Medical Center's Women's Hospital NICU. His National Board for Respiratory Care credentials include Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) and Neonatal Pediatric Specialist (NPS) and professional

certifications member of the American Association for Respiratory Care, Advanced Cardiac Life Support Certified, Pediatric Advanced Life Support Certified and regional instructor for Neonatal Resuscitation program. He and his wife, Noelle, have three children, Jack, Olivia and Scarlett. They attend The Orchard in Tupelo.



Denton



Spencer

from ICC and Mississippi State University. Before he joined the ICC faculty in 1997, he was employed with Spencer's Heating and Air Conditioning. He is the recipient of ICC's 2015 Meritorious Achievement award. Spencer's other

Spencer's educational background has included Houston High School graduate, associate's degree

activities are deacon and Sunday school director at Bethel Baptist Church, president of the Houston Diamond Club and a member of ICC's Strategic Planning Council. He and his wife, Cathy, are the parents of two sons, Charles Wayne Spencer IV and Kyler Russell Spencer.

NISOD Excellence Awards recognize individuals each year who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and colleagues. Denton and Spencer will be among the recipients who will be celebrated during NISOD's annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, May 28-31, in Austin, Tex.

UPCOMING Music & Arts, ETC...

Spring concerts

Vocal Recital
Apr. 12

Choir and Chamber Singers
Apr. 21 - 6:30 p.m.

Small Ensemble
Apr. 26 - 6:30 p.m.

CenterStage
Apr. 28 - 6:30 p.m.

W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center
auditorium

Auditions set for vocal groups

Auditions have been scheduled for ICC's 2016-17 vocal groups.

They include Apr. 15 - choir, 2 p.m. and CenterStage, 4 p.m. in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium.

For more information contact Karen Davis at (662) 862-8306 or kbdavis@iccms.edu or Christy Colburn at (662) 862-8302 or cacolburn@iccms.edu.

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On display Grad Trio now in FA

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Grad Trio will be on display in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center Gallery at the ICC Fulton Campus through Feb. 26.

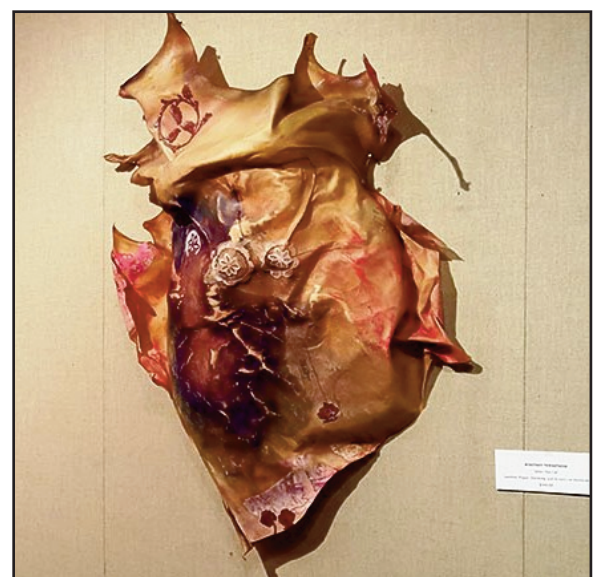
The exhibit features the works of three graduate painting students from the University of Mississippi including Marisa Andropolis of Algonquin, Ill., Brooke Alexander of Athens, Ga. and Whitney Turnipseed of Greenville.

The trio will present a gallery talk during a reception beginning at 2 p.m., Feb. 26.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m., weekdays.

For more information, contact Shawn Whittington at (662) 862-8301 or eswhittington@iccms.edu.

*Photos by
Shawn Whittington*



Last year's Indian Idol winner was Kierra Thompson. Auditions for 2016 will begin on Mar. 2 at the Fulton Campus.

Indian Idol auditions coming soon

Staff Reports

Open auditions are scheduled for the 2016 Indian Idol at ICC beginning Mar. 2 from 3-4:30 p.m. in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center lecture demonstration room at the Fulton Campus.

Additional dates and locations are

Mar. 3, 3-4:30 p.m., W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center lecture demonstration room; and

Mar. 9 and 10, 6-8 p.m., W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center lecture demonstration room.

The road to the title will begin with the first elimination round, Mar. 21, at 7 p.m. in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Additional rounds are scheduled for Apr. 7, and 13 with the finale on Apr. 21.

Indian Idol is sponsored by the Fulton Campus Student Government Association.

**Students should
file FAFSA
for 2016-17
by Apr. 15.**

ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PRESENTS A DIGITAL VIEWING OF
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

The
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of the
OPERA

February 11, 2016

6:00 p.m.

W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts
Free Admission



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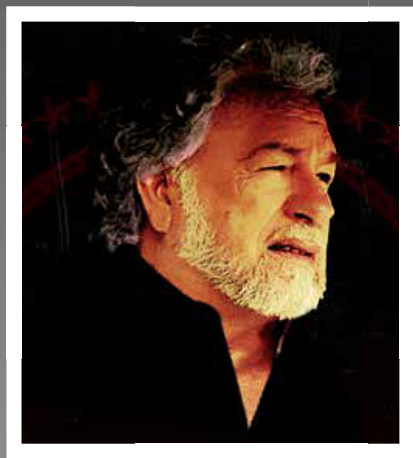


ITAWAMBA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
presents

THE 20TH ANNUAL

Bluegrass Concert

benefiting the ICC Foundation



Gene Watson



Rhonda Vincent



Dailey & Vincent



Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver

SATURDAY, MARCH 5 AT 3 P.M.
DOORS OPEN AT 1 P.M.
DAVIS EVENT CENTER - FULTON, MS

General Admission: \$20 • Reserved Seating: \$30
Available at Davis Ford of Fulton: 662-862-3711
BBQ plates will be sold onsite \$12
Contact Information: 662-862-8039

ICC's Trustees select officers

Staff Reports

Alford Bell of Houston has been elected chairman of the ICC Board of Trustees for 2016.


Other officers include **William Shack** of Tupelo, first vice chairman; **Mac Allen Thomas** of Aberdeen, second vice chairman; **Danny Robbins** of Pontotoc, secretary; and **Carl Comer** of Fulton, immediate past president.



Bell

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Sideline

VIEW

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Everyone can ‘give back’

Every January many people set new goals or resolutions. Many of us want to work harder toward our goals and dreams. Others want to be more productive, successful or achieve higher levels in academics, sports and work. It is never too late to start over.

It’s a new year, one in which we can make changes in order to accomplish more. For example, if you didn’t do as well as you wanted to in sports, academics or even work, you can use these 365 days as an opportunity for self-improvement. Start by making a list to help you improve your skills and what it takes to get to where you want to be.

Being encouraging, showing leadership and setting a positive example are a few of the things to begin your list. Be encouraging to your teammates by talking to them and helping them understand that they never have to go through life alone. Sharing experiences helps players bond as teammates and helps ensure success. Lead by example and work harder in practice and during games. Most importantly, remember that there is no I in team. Everyone is equally a part of the team, no matter their strengths or weaknesses.

Professional basketball player Tim Duncan of the San Antonio Spurs is a great example of a team player. he was voted 2015 NBA’s best teammate by nearly 300 players. Notably, he was selected out of 12 players who are considered to be “NBA Legends.”

Tim Duncan is admired and beloved by his teammates because he is least concerned about his own personal accomplishments and more about his teammates and the team itself. Although he is a 15-time all-star recipient, he accepted a \$5 million pay cut last summer. His willingness to take the pay cut allowed top free agent LaMarcus Aldridge to be signed.

Although teamwork and unselfishness are noticed more on a national level, it is very common locally. ICC’s very own Howard Thomas, number 22 and forward on the basketball team, has displayed great teamwork since his freshman year. During the game, he doesn’t just think of himself. He makes great decisions, which affect his team. He passes the ball to his teammates, and if anyone has been knocked down, he helps them get up, even if they are members of the opposing squad.

Many other athletic teams and students have helped those less fortunate. Students have donated goods for the canned food drive and helped with the Angel Tree at the Tupelo Campus. Athletes have assisted with tornado cleanup. Not only did teamwork and unselfishness help the less fortunate, it created a bond among those who assisted. There is no I in team.

Bass Tournament

The ICC Bass Club with sponsorship from the Mt. Dew Team Bass Trail will host a bass tournament, Feb. 27, at the State Line Boat Ramp on Pickwick Lake beginning at daylight. Weigh-in is at 3 p.m. The cost is \$120 per boat including big fish with 80 percent payback to the anglers. All other proceeds benefit the ICC Bass Club. For more information, contact Jason Campbell at jwcampbell@iccms.edu.

Update: Basketball season winds down

Staff Reports
Scores and highlights of the basketball season since the last issue of the Chieftain include

INDIANS

- December 3

ICC 67, Coahoma 60

High scorers - Howard Thomas, 14; Quenten Taylor, Martaveous McKnight, 11 each
- December 10

ICC 86, Meridian 77

High scorers - Quenten Taylor, 19; Martaveous McKnight, 18
- January 5

ICC 78, Jones 71

High scorers - Quenten Taylor, 24; Carter Sweat, 14
- January 7

ICC 76, Snead State 74

High scorers - Howard Thomas, 15; Quenten Taylor, 14
- January 11

ICC 56, Holmes 53

High scorers - Martaveous McKnight, 15; Howard Thomas, 12
- January 14

ICC 72, Northeast 66

High scorers - Quenten Taylor, 18; Martaveous McKnight, 16
- January 19

East MS 69, ICC 57

High scorers - Howard Thomas, 14; Carter Sweat, 12
- January 21

MS Delta 53, ICC 51

High scorers - Howard Thomas, 18; Carter Sweat, 12



- February 1

Northwest 68, ICC 61

High scorers - Martaveous McKnight, 18
- February 4

ICC 75, Holmes 70

High scorers - Martaveous McKnight, 18

- High scorers - AaLiyaha Thornton, 18; Erika Toney, Treasure Evans, 11 each

December 10

ICC 74, Meridian 62

High scorers - Marlee Hatcher, 19; Treasure Evans, 11

January 5

Jones 60, ICC 58

High scorers - Alontra Tucker, 16; Jeysha Mays, 12

January 7

ICC 71, Snead State 66

High scorers - Marlee Hatcher 16; Erika Toney, 13

January 11

ICC 67, Holmes 66

High scorers - Alontra Tucker, 14; Marlee Hatcher, Ieysha Mays, Jabria Pounds, 13 each

January 14

ICC 65, Northeast 60

High scorers - Treasure Evans, 12

January 19

East MS 64, ICC 60

High scorers - Alontra Tucker, 19; Jabria Pounds, 10

January 21

ICC 68, MS Delta 34

High scorers - Ieysha Mays, 16; Jabria Pounds, 12

January 28

ICC 88, Coahoma 62

High scorers - Marlee Hatcher, 20; Jabria Pounds, 16

February 1

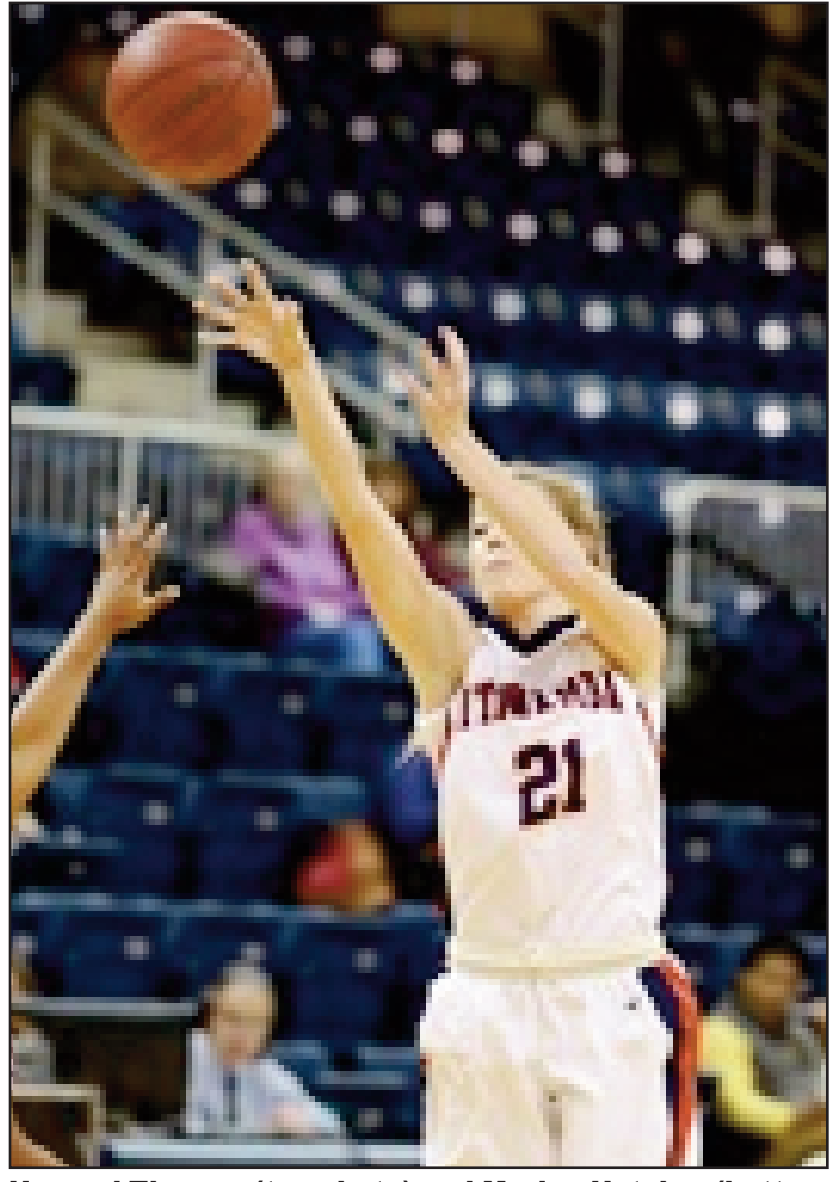
Northwest 68, ICC 60

High scorers - Marlee Hatcher, 15; Jabria Pounds, 11

February 4

ICC 62, Holmes 55

High scorers - Jabria Pounds 17, Marlee Hatcher, 14



Howard Thomas (top photo) and Marlee Hatcher (bottom photo) are consistently high scorers for the Indians and Lady Indians.

- January 28

ICC 87, Coahoma 53

High scorers - Quenten Taylor, 19; Howard Thomas, 13

- LADY INDIANS

December 3

ICC 83, Coahoma 55

Spotlight

ICC football players further careers

Seventeen members of ICC’s 2015 football team have signed to play at the next level.

- They include
- Antonio Clifton, DB, Tennessee-Martin
 - Tyler Floyd, OL, Delta State
 - Ladarius Gallion, DT, West Georgia
 - Kwadra Griggs, QB, Southern Miss
 - Daniel Johnson, LB, Delta State
 - Terrence Jones, DE, West Alabama
 - Grant Kimberlin, WR, Harding
 - Cartin McBride, LB, Cumberland
 - Trev Miller, DE, Louisiana-Lafayette
 - Calwaun Street, LB, Delta State
 - Quindarius Thagard, DE, UAB
 - Quinn Tiggs, DB, Texas State
 - Levarious Varnado, DB, Buffalo
 - Dominic Walker, WR, Troy
 - Artez Williams, Louisiana-Lafayette
 - Brandon Windham, OL, Mississippi College
 - Naquez Pringle, DL, Kentucky

2016 ICC football signing class

- Braudrique Boyd, RB/WR, New Albany
- Tyree Bryant, LB, Northpoint Christian
- Tommie Burt, DB, Winona
- Dallas Danner, OL, Rosa Fort
- Tay Carothers, LB, Aberdeen
- Rontavis Clark, WR, Starkville
- Kameron Coleman, WR, Horn Lake
- Dan Ellington, QB, Center Hill
- Jawanz Frazier, DB.WR, Clarksdale
- Daniel Freppon, LB, Itawamba AHS
- Daylon Fox, LB, Southaven
- Jalyn Galmore, OL, South Panola
- Preston Haynes, OL, Lewisburg
- Devan Hollins, S, Southaven
- Kirkland Horton, DB, Water Valley
- D’Angelo Jones, DL, Gordo, Ala.
- Chris Long, TE, Nettleton
- Que Lott, DB, Grenada
- Kevonte’ Marble, DB, Houston
- Tray Miller, LB, Itawamba AHS
- Montario Montgomery, QB, Starkville
- Jacquez Neilson, DL, Oxford
- Stone Parrish, LB, Senatobia
- Travis Salio, DE/LB, Sipsey Valley, Ala.
- Christian Saulsberry, Ath, Northpoint Christian
- Aaron Sholar, OL, Olive Branch
- Jarvis Smithey, OL, Tupelo
- Malek Steele, DL, Gordo, Ala.
- Donald Twilley, DB, South Panola
- BJ Williams, Aberdeen, S
- Kendryan Wilson, WR, Northview, Ala.

Cheerleader tryouts

ICC coed cheer and mascot tryouts are scheduled for 3 p.m., Apr. 7. Those who try out must participate in cheer clinics at 3 p.m., Mar. 21 and 23 and Apr. 4 and 6. The cost is \$40. Tryout requirements are to perform a cheer and the ICC fight song (both taught at clinics), five partner stunts (taught at clinics) and tumbling/tumbling pass (additional points earned for tumbling skills). Mascot participants must perform a 1-2 minute skit using music and props. For more information, contact Holli White at hrwhite@iccms.edu.

Softball team has to replace seven ‘15 MACJC All-North selections



Katlin McDuffy will step out of her role as closer to anchor a deep rotation this season.

Staff Reports

ICC is coming off one of the best seasons in softball team history, but will have to replace seven MACJC All-North Division selections, including a pair of NJCAA Region 23 honorees in Courtney Roberts and Haley Moore.

Losing its top three hitters, ICC will depend on sophomore short-stop Kaitlin Bradley to lead the charge at the plate. The New Hope graduate missed 22 of 43 games last season after suffering a broken hand. She hit .458 with 13 RBI and 18 runs scored in 59 plate appearances. Katrina Wilson played in 37 games and eight of her 31 hits went for extra bases, including six doubles and a home run. Behind Wilson’s 87 at-bats, Taylor Thornton brings the second most experience to the plate with 17 hits and five walks in 66 appearances. She and Bradley each stole 11 bases last season. Sheneria Tyes batted .476 with 15 runs scored, a pair of triples and a double. All four were listed as Top Returning Players in the region by the NJCAA.

Kaitlin McDuffy led the nation with a 0.57 ERA and will step out of her role as a closer to anchor a very deep Lady Indian rotation this season. Finishing 4-0 last year, the southpaw had 19 strikeouts and 10 walks in 49.1 innings of work. Cassidy Hardy worked 67 innings and finished 7-3 with 27 strikeouts as a freshman and will look to improve on her 2.24 ERA. ICC added Taylor Cresap, Grayson Wells and Carleigh Mills to its pitching rotation with an impressive 2015 signing class.

Twelve of the 20 active players on this season’s roster are freshmen, making Coach Andy Kirk’s squad one of the youngest lineups he’s had in five seasons in Fulton.

This season, each team in the state will play each other in the regular season and play a 28-game league schedule in 14 doubleheaders with the top eight teams advancing to the postseason play.

ICC opened the season Saturday in the Pearl River Tournament.

Spring sports previews

Early experience is key for baseball roster filled with freshmen

Staff Reports

Early experience for a roster filled with freshmen will be the key for ICC this season as the Indians hope for a winning season in 2016 after finishing 19-17 last year and missing the playoffs for the second straight season.

ICC returns a small group of sophomores to its lineup that will need to quickly grow into more prevalent roles in 2016. Timothy Rowe and Ty Wheeler, who were both selected as Top Returning Position Players in the Region by the NJCAA, will be the primary sources of offense for the Indians. Coach Rick Collier also looks for Drake Rowton and Dalton Hudspeth to build on the successes of last season to take a more prominent role at the plate.

One of the most crucial factors in the new statewide playoff format is depth in the pitching rotation.

The Indians brought in new arms to add to the six returning

sophomore pitchers to take on the grueling conference schedule. Nick Burns and Jonas White earned Top Returning Pitcher accolades by the NJCAA. Trenton Stringer also looks for a breakout season.

Nineteen of the 28 players on the roster are freshmen. The NJCAA named JT Salters, Keith Stepter and Bryan Malone as three of the Top Incoming Freshmen in the region and recognized Blake Bennett and Delvin Zinn as two of the region’s Top 4-Year Transfers.

Ten of the first 12 games will be played at Cresap Field in Fulton. Early season doubleheaders against traditional powers Calhoun (Ala.) and Lake Land (Ill.) will be a great test for the youth-filled roster.

ICC will open the season against Motlow State (Tenn., Feb. 13, before hitting the road for a pair of games at the USA Stadium in Arlington, Tenn.



Jonas White is one of ICC’s ‘Top Returning Pitchers’.

COMING UP IN ICC ATHLETICS...

ON THE SCHEDULE

BASKETBALL (W)			BASEBALL			SOFTBALL		
Feb. 8	Northeast	Away	Feb. 13	Motlow St.	Home	Feb. 11	Calhoun	Home
Feb. 11	East MS	Away	Feb. 15	SW TN/Muscatine	Away	Feb. 13	Hinds/Gadsden	Away
Feb. 15	MS Delta	Home	Feb. 20	Calhoun	Home	Feb. 16	Jackson State	Away
			Feb. 21	Rend Lake	Home	Feb. 20	Northeast Tourney	Away
			Feb. 25	Williams Baptist	Home	Feb. 23	Gadsden State	Away
			Feb. 27	Lakeland	Home	Feb. 27	Jackson State	Home
			Mar. 1	Calhoun	Away	Mar. 1	Calhoun	Away
			Mar. 5	East Central	Away	Mar. 4	MS Gulf Coast	Away
			Mar. 8	SW TN	Home	Mar. 8	Northeast	Away
			Mar. 12	Hinds	Home	Mar. 11	Meridian	Away
			Mar. 19	Gulf Coast	Home	Mar. 13	Hinds	Home
			Mar. 22	Northeast	Home	Mar. 16	Northwest	Home
			Mar. 25	Meridian	Home	Mar. 19	Pearl River	Home
			Mar. 30	Northwest	Away	Mar. 22	Coahoma	Away

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Teams hold open tryouts

Football

Staff Reports

ICC head football coach Sean Cannon has announced that his program will hold tryouts this Friday and Feb. 24.

Both tryouts will be at the football fieldhouse on the Fulton Campus with registration beginning at 1:30 p.m. Cost of the tryouts is \$20.

Participants are responsible for bringing an updated copy of their sports physical and workout gear for non-contact combine drills.

For more information, contact Coach Cannon at jscannon@iccms.edu.

Soccer

Staff Reports

ICC’s soccer teams will hold open tryouts for the 2016 season on Feb. 21 at the soccer complex on the Fulton Campus.

The men’s tryout will be from 1-3 p.m., and the women’s, from 3-5 p.m. Tryouts are open to current ICC students and current unsigned seniors who meet the National Junior College Athletic Association eligibility requirements.

Participants must bring an up-to-date physical, cleats, shin guards and regular athletic shoes in the event of the tryouts’ being moved indoors due to inclement weather.

For more information on the men’s tryout, contact Coach Mike Sullivan at (662) 862-8124 or mjsullivan@iccms.edu or the women’s tryout, Coach David Strother at (662) 862-8125 or

GED scoring changes opens doors

Staff Reports

Recent changes to scoring the GED test will result in 637 Mississippians earning the GED diploma.

GED Testing Services has announced a recalibration of the GED Test with a passing score moving from 150 to 145 and the addition of two performance levels. The change will also include two optional levels above high school equivalency to signify college readiness and for some test-takers the opportunity to earn college credits. The changes were driven by a detailed analysis of educational outcomes of GED graduates compared to high school graduates over the past 18 months.

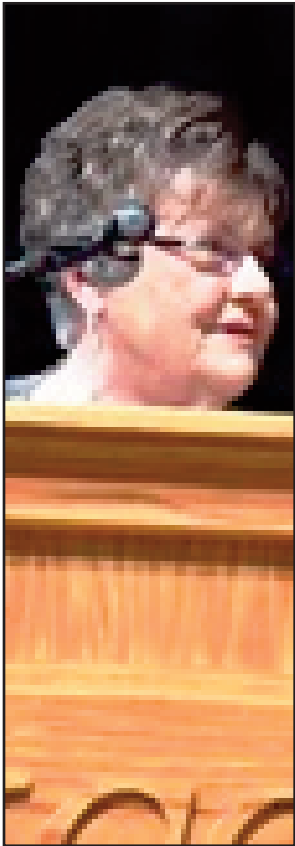
“We are thrilled with the score adjustment GED Testing Service has announced that will offer the GED credential to those who previously had non-pass scores on the 2014 version of the test,” said Julia Houston, director of Basic Skills at ICC. “This has the potential to open doors to people to pursue the job that they’ve always wanted and enroll in college to attain that education they’ve dreamed of.”

These changes apply to those who have taken the GED Test since Jan. 1, 2014. Nationwide, more than 25,000 adults are expected to be immediately eligible to receive their High School Equivalency Diploma. In Mississippi, an additional 637 GED Test takers will receive their HSE diploma due to the change. These graduates will now have a credential that will enable them to enroll in a postsecondary institution or possibly enter the workforce.

“The 637 students that have earned their High School Equivalency Diploma from GED Testing Services will be able to greatly improve their lives through education or other employment opportunities,” said Sandy Crist, state director for Adult Education and High School Equivalency at the Mississippi Community College Board. “The standards established by GED Testing Services to score its tests are similar to those that high schools use. In fact, a High School Equivalency Diploma is oftentimes more difficult to earn than a high school diploma.”

Beginning Jan. 1, 2014, the GED Test transitioned from a paper-based test to one offered entirely on the computer. Since that time, 7,056 tests have been taken, 4,144 have completed all four parts of the exam, and 2,343 have passed the exam.

“ICC’s teachers are calling both current and former students to notify them and to encourage them to return to retest areas in which they may lack a few points,” Houston said. “Certainly now is the time, too, for anyone who needs a GED credential to contact us so that we can assist in determining the right path.”



Clockwise, from top, Members of ICC’s staff take on the new ropes course. President Mike Eaton visits with Sen. Hob Bryan at the Legislative Luncheon in Jackson. Members of the 2015 Practical Nursing class graduate in Dec. Hopefuls pack the Community Relations conference room for details on the Most Beautiful pageant. Head baseball coach Rick Collier visits with MSU pitching coach Wes Johnson. Former ICC nursing faculty member Margie Golding is the speaker for the PN commencement.

Sign up now for 4-week term

Staff Reports

Registration for a four-week eLearning accelerated term is continuing at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses of ICC.

Students may register through Feb. 16 for the classes which begin Feb. 15.

The schedule includes art appreciation, anatomy and physiology I and II, computer concepts, English composition I and II, American literature I and II, American (U.S.) history I and II, college life, college algebra, introduction to astronomy with lab and public speaking I.

For more information on registration, visit Student Affairs on either the Fulton or Tupelo campus.

Need transcript help?

ALEXIS GUY
Staff

For many sophomores planning to transfer to a university, it is important to know how to access their transcripts to send them out. According to Cay Lollar, registrar and director of admissions, there are three ways students can access their transcripts.

Current students can

- 1) Sign in to myTribe;
- 2) Click on the School Services tab;
- 3) Click on Student Services;
- 4) Click on Student Records;
- 5) Click on Order Official Transcript.

Current students can also walk in and request a transcript from the office of Admissions/Registrar on the Fulton Campus. They must have a photo ID and the \$5 fee.

Current or former students can also request a transcript over the phone. To do this, call Credentials, Inc. at (800) 646-1858 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday. The charge is \$10 for using TranscriptsPlus as well as an additional \$10 for the telephone service.

For more information, visit www.iccms.edu and click admissions, then transcripts or call the office of Admissions/Registrar for additional assistance.

Students should file FAFSA for 2016-17 by Apr. 15.